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(b)(1) reports that CW training for the TW Army follows closely that of the US Army and is extracted, in the main, from US Army field manuals. The central facility for training chemical service personnel is the chemical service school located at LONG TAN (phonetic) (NCA). Source cannot recall the names of the key personnel in the school (b)(1) but he states that since their positions are not fluid, the same officers are probably still there. According to him, chemical service personnel are generally drawn from the combat arms and then trained at the chemical school. Officers are not required to have a background in chemistry and many do not even possess a college degree. In addition to the training they receive in TW, a significant number of officers attend courses of instruction at the US chemical school (NFI). CW training at the troop level is decentralized and manage within the troop units. The training is identical to that given to US troops, and it is both rigorous and thorough. Mask drills are conducted in tear gas and chlorine gas chambers, and students are taught the principles of decontamination. As source mentioned in an earlier report, however, CW efforts of the TW Army were hampered fro 1971 through 1973 by a shortage of protective equipment and the inadequacy of the equipment on hand. He added that the government did not consider protective measures for the civilian population during that time (NFI). (b)(1)

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